



**City of Scottsdale
Human Services Commission
Regular Meeting**

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

5:00 P.M., Thursday, November 8, 2012
Scottsdale City Hall KIVA
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Steven Rosenberg, Chair
Raoul Zubia, Vice Chair
Nicholas Thomas, Commissioner
Enid Seiden, Commissioner
Dustin Thomas, Commissioner
Donald Nordlund, Commissioner

ABSENT: Marty Day, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Human Services
Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Manager; Paiute
Cindy Ensign, Human Services Planner and Budget Specialist
Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager
Ross Cromarty, Project Coordinator Liaison

GUESTS: Amy St. Peters, MAG
Suzanne Klapp, City Council Member

1. Call to Order

Chair Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commission members present as noted above.

3. Approval of the Minutes - October 25, 2012

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 25, 2012, HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUSTIN THOMAS, THE MOTION CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER DAY WAS ABSENT.

4. Proposed Bond Projects

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave a presentation on projects proposed for consideration by the Bond Task Force. He explained the priorities considered by the Bond Task Force when reviewing projects, noting that they considered the possibility of multiple bond elections being held over the course of three to five years. The original Task Force recommended five projects as priorities, which were submitted to Council. Because Council decided to defer the bond election until 2013, the Bond Task Force reassembled and is reconsidering the projects. Mr. Barnard reviewed the projects and the proposed changes.

Commissioners were given the opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Barnard discussed the projected long-term savings that would be seen with the ball field lighting system replacement and the aquatics chemical system replacement.

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FIVE PROPOSED 2013 BOND PROJECTS. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR ZUBIA, THE MOTION CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER DAY WAS ABSENT.

5. Target Population Presentation: Homeless

Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Human Services, mediated a panel discussion posing six questions to panel members. Panel members included:

David Hepburn: Chief Officer, Helping Hands; New Day Centers
Laura Borgeson: Operations Manager; Shoebox Ministry
Kristen Polin: VP, Community Relations & Development; Community Bridges, Inc.
Jacki Taylor: CEO; Save the Family
Brandon Clark: Chief Administrative Officer; Circle the City
Ted Taylor: Executive Director; Family Promise of Greater Phoenix

- **From your perspective, describe the target population, "Homeless" in Scottsdale?**

Panel members indicated that the target population includes primarily female heads of household with children, single males 25 to 60, individuals with behavioral health needs and/or acute medical needs, veterans, and there has been a recent influx of families who are homeless for the first time.

- **What are the most critical needs of the target population "Homeless"?**

Panel members indicated that the most critical needs of the target population include food, shelter, and clothing; long-term affordable housing with rent support and supportive services; employment resources; childcare; medical care; and transportation. They

noted the importance of prioritizing the stabilization of homeless children to avoid long-term mental and physical effects.

- **What services are available to meet those needs?**

Panel members indicated that services currently available to the target population include services that provide information on how to locate specific resources; a service that supplies basic toiletries; supportive services; employment resources; transportation assistance; rehousing services; tenant based services such as tutoring, after school care, and a GED program; a healthcare clinic; and rental assistance programs.

- **Are there any unmet needs of the target population "Homeless"?**

Panel members indicated that unmet needs of the target population include mental health care; services for speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy; preventative care; safe child care; shelters for single men; not enough transitional supportive housing; rent subsidies; and transportation services.

- **Are there any current trends/issues in the target population "Homeless" that we should be aware of?**

Panel members indicated that current trends/issues in the target population include an increased longevity which will necessitate end-of-life and hospice care; an increase in chronic illness and mental health diagnoses; cuts in healthcare services such as AHCCCS; reductions in Federal resources; an aging society facing retirement with no resources; an increase in homeless families; decreased daycare funding; an increase in middle income families renting low cost apartments, creating a shortage of low income housing availability; and an increase in homeless veterans with families.

- **Is there any last piece of information that you would like to share about "Homeless" that has not been covered?**

Panel members indicated that in addition to the items discussed, it is important to stay focused on the mission of helping and to strive for a streamlined process where families and individuals are not subjected to chronic homelessness.

Commissioners were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Discussion ensued regarding studies tracking homeless individuals; private versus public funding of programs; mental health support; the benefits of providing housing in middle to upper class neighborhoods; the importance of working to help people to remain in their communities; and AHCCCS limitations.

6. MAG Presentation: Aging in Place

Amy St. Peters from Maricopa Association of Governments gave a presentation on the regional and local activities that have taken place to support aging in place and what is on the horizon. She reviewed opportunities for outreach and the results of a survey of seniors' concerns, interest in programs, and priorities for the future and discussed benefits of implementing the Village Concept. She highlighted the MAG Municipal Aging Services Project, City Leaders Institute on Aging in Place, and the White House Forum

on Urban Innovation. Ms. St. Peters noted that the City of Scottsdale is ranked number one by the U.S. Census Bureau for having the highest concentrations of people age 65 or older.

The following individuals spoke about the process of aging, the benefits of the Village Concept, the benefits of aging in place, and transportation needs of seniors:

Martha Seaman
Nancy Cantor
Gary Bretz

The Commission requested that a presentation about the Village Concept be agendaized for a future meeting.

7. Staff and Commission Updates

Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Human Services, announced that a Home Buying Fair will be held on November 17th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Arizona State University SkySong Innovation Center.

8. Open call to the Public

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

9. Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.